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	Art Unit	2165
	Examiner Name	M. J. Hicks
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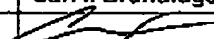
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